

THE LEGISLATIVE POLICE COMMITTEE.

Examination of Captain Walling and Earl.

Explanation of Justice Welch's Testimony

from the Prison Association—Testimony

of Colonel Ames and Disclosure of the

Practices of the Police and Criminals.

The Police Committee of the Legislature met on Saturday

at the usual hour, in the hall of the City Library, there

being present the entire body of members. On the

organization of the meeting.

Mr. Justice Welch appeared and asked to be allowed to

explain part of his testimony of the previous day. Yesterday

I did not mean to be understood that I would take

ball in certain cases under the statute, but that I would

take it more for the relief of the parties concerned as would

probably have suggested to me had the parties been

brought before me on a warrant; I would in some

cases have placed a prisoner into the custody of the

officer who had the parties together, and being

about of officers, it has been as much as I could

do to attend to my own business and keep myself

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THE CHARGE IN THE WEATHER.

THE STORM AND THE STORMY AFTERNOON.

The pleasant weather we have been enjoying some

time past, is all over. It was broken in upon early

on Saturday night, by a shabby specimen of a storm,

that ran itself out in the course of an hour, and

changed to a cold, chilly, unpleasant day. For a time it

looked as though the storm was in earnest, as fustiness

filled the air, and the ground whitened visibly; but

the rain that followed soon washed out all traces of the

violation, and gave the earth a more cheerful hue.

Yesterday was stormy, rainy and unpleasant through-

out. During the early part of the day, a strong wind

swept over the city, from the southwest—a fierce cir-

cumstances, as the wind from that quarter rarely does

any damage to the shipping in the harbor; as it was,

however, the result of four or five days, though we heard

of no serious damage to the works of man or property, the

streets were almost entirely deserted, and those who

ventured out found the carrying of an umbrella a very

serious matter, as there was altogether too high a wind

blowing to justify the putting up of so much canvas.

Several unfortunate craft, who would insist on leaving

the unpromising elements, were compelled to seek

shelter upon some doorway, for a harbor, and there

waited for the storm to pass.

It is astonishing what a difference there is between the

feeling of a beholder and a sufferer by an umbrella de-

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mance, while to the latter it is a matter of life and

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tingling that all the works of man are so feeble, and

that even five cent umbrellas are particularly frail.

Just evening a terrible squall from the northeast burst

upon the city, accompanied by rain, hail and con-

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ARRIVAL OF THE ARIEL.

ONE DAY LATER IN EUROPE.

The steamer Ariel, belonging to the Vanderbilt line,

which left New York on the 26th of November and Southampton

on the morning of the 26th, under the command of

Capt. Lewis, arrived at this port yesterday afternoon.

The brings sea day's later news from Europe.

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